IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claims 1-6, 9-20, 22-25 and 43-51 without prejudice or disclaimer, AMEND claims 24, 26, 30, 31, 33-36, 39, 40, 42, 53 and 55-57 and ADD new claims 58-64 as follows.

1-25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

receiving, in a mobile terminal belonging to a communication group in a mobile communication system, a triggering message indicating the communication group and informing the mobile terminal of a packet-based service session of the communication group to be initiated; and

in response to the receiving, bringing the mobile terminal to a state allowing reception of packets from a packet data network belonging to the mobile communication system, ~~thereby~~ to enable participation in the packet-based service session of the communication group, wherein

the receiving comprises receiving the triggering message so that the triggering message is receivable from the mobile communication system regardless of whether ~~even when~~ the mobile terminal is ready~~of unknown readiness~~ to participate in the packet-based service session.

27. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 26, wherein the bringing includes establishing a connection to the packet data network.

28. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 26, wherein the bringing includes registering a user of the mobile terminal with a server offering the packet-based service session.

29. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 27, wherein the bringing further includes registering a user of the mobile terminal with a server offering the packet-based service session.

30. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 28, wherein ~~said registering comprises registering with the server, in which~~ the server comprises a push-to-talk-over-cellular server.

31. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 29, wherein ~~said registering comprises registering with the server, in which~~ the server comprises a push-to-talk-over-cellular server.

32. (Cancelled)

33. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

[[-]]a ~~first interface~~receiver configured to receive a triggering message, wherein the triggering message ~~indicating~~indicates a communication group to which the apparatus belongs and ~~informing~~informs the apparatus of a packet-based service session of the communication group to be initiated; and

[[-]]a ~~state transition unit~~processor, operatively connected to the ~~first interface~~receiver, configured to bring, in response to the triggering message, the apparatus to a state allowing reception of packets from a packet data network, ~~which~~that is included in a mobile communication system, ~~thereby~~ to enable participation in the packet-based service session of the communication group~~.~~, wherein

the ~~first interface~~receiver is configured to receive the triggering message so that the triggering message is receivable from the mobile communication system regardless of whether ~~even when~~ the apparatus is ready~~of unknown readiness~~ to participate in the packet-based service session.

34. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 33, wherein the ~~state transition unit~~processor is further configured to establish a connection to the packet data network if the apparatus comprises a disconnected state with respect to the packet data network when the apparatus is to be brought to said state.

35. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 33, wherein the ~~state transition unit~~processor is further configured to register a user of the apparatus with a server offering the packet-based service session.

36. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 34, wherein the ~~state transition unit~~processor is further configured to register a user of the apparatus with a server offering the packet-based service session.

37. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 35, wherein the server comprises a push-to-talk-over-cellular server.

38. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 36, wherein the server comprises a push-to-talk-over-cellular server.

39. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 33, wherein the triggering message indicates a starting time for the packet-based service session~~,~~ and the ~~state transition unit~~processor is further configured to bring the apparatus to said state substantially at said starting time.

40. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 33, wherein the ~~state transition unit~~processor is further configured to bring the apparatus to said state substantially without delay in response to the triggering message.

41. (Cancelled)

42. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a ~~message composer~~processor configured to compose a triggering message indicating a communication group comprising, in addition to the apparatus, at least one first ~~apparatus~~terminal, wherein the ~~apparatuses~~terminals of the communication group ~~having~~have unknown attachment statuses relative to a packet data network~~, which~~ that is included in a mobile communication system; and

a ~~first interface~~transmitter configured to send the triggering message from the apparatus to the at least one first ~~apparatus~~terminal, so as to inform the at least one first ~~apparatus~~terminal of a packet-based service session of the communication group to be initiated, wherein the ~~first interface~~transmitter is configured to send the triggering message so that the triggering message can be received by a second ~~apparatus~~ terminal regardless of whether the second terminal is ready ~~of unknown readiness~~ to participate in the packet-based service session, wherein the second ~~apparatus~~terminal ~~being~~is any of the at least one first ~~apparatus~~terminal~~;~~

~~a state transition unit, operatively connected to the first interface, for bringing the apparatus to a state allowing reception of packets from the packet data network, thereby to enable participation in the packet-based service session of the communication group~~.

43-52. (Cancelled)

53. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 26, wherein ~~the receiving includes receiving the triggering message, in which~~ the triggering message indicates a starting time for the packet-based service session.

54. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 26, further comprising:

prompting a user of the mobile terminal to accept the packet-based service session.

55. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 33, further comprising:

an ~~prompter~~output configured to prompt a user of the apparatus to accept the packet-based service session.

56. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 42, wherein the apparatus comprises a mobile terminal and the second ~~apparatus~~mobile terminal is any of the at least one~~comprises a~~ first mobile terminal.

57. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

message composing means for composing a triggering message indicating a communication group comprising, in addition to the apparatus, at least one first ~~apparatus~~terminal, wherein the ~~apparatuses~~terminals of the communication group ~~having~~have unknown attachment statuses relative to a packet data network~~, which~~ that is included in a mobile communication system; and

first interface means for sending the triggering message from the apparatus to the at least one first ~~apparatus~~terminal, so as to inform the at least one first apparatus of a packet-based service session of the communication group to be initiated, wherein the first interface means ~~are~~is configured to send the triggering message so that the triggering message can be received by a second ~~apparatus~~terminal regardless of whether the second terminal is ready ~~of unknown readiness~~ to participate in the packet-based service session, wherein the second apparatus ~~being~~is any of the at least one first ~~apparatus~~terminal~~; and~~

~~state transition means, operatively connected to the first interface means, for bringing the apparatus to a state allowing reception of packets from the packet data network, thereby to enable participation in the packet-based service session of the communication group~~.

58. (New) The apparatus of claim 42, wherein the transmitter is further configured to provide an indication of a starting time for the packet-based service session in the triggering message.

59. (New) The apparatus of claim 42, wherein the triggering message comprises a multimedia message service message.

60. (New) A method, comprising:

composing, in an originating mobile terminal, a triggering message indicating a communication group comprising, in addition to the originating terminal, at least one first terminal, wherein the terminals of the communication group have unknown attachment statuses relative to a packet data network that is included in a mobile communication system; and

sending the triggering message from the originating terminal to the at least one first terminal, so as to inform the at least one first terminal of a packet-based service session of the communication group to be initiated, wherein the triggering message is sent so that the triggering message can be received by a second terminal regardless of whether the second terminal is ready to participate in the packet-based service session, wherein the second terminal is any of the at least one first terminal.

61. (New) The method of claim 60, wherein the sending further comprises providing an indication of a starting time for the packet-based service session in the triggering message.

62. (New) The method of claim 60, wherein the triggering message comprises a multimedia message service message.

63. (New) A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium, the program configured to control a processor to perform a process, the process comprising:

receiving, in a mobile terminal belonging to a communication group in a mobile communication system, a triggering message indicating the communication group and informing the mobile terminal of a packet-based service session of the communication group to be initiated; and

in response to the receiving, bringing the mobile terminal to a state allowing reception of packets from a packet data network belonging to the mobile communication system, to enable participation in the packet-based service session of the communication group, wherein

the receiving comprises receiving the triggering message so that the triggering message is receivable from the mobile communication system regardless of whether the mobile terminal is ready to participate in the packet-based service session.

64. (New) A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium, the program configured to control a processor to perform a process, the process comprising:

composing, in an originating mobile terminal, a triggering message indicating a communication group comprising, in addition to the originating terminal, at least one first terminal, wherein the terminals of the communication group have unknown attachment statuses relative to a packet data network that is included in a mobile communication system; and

sending the triggering message from the originating terminal to the at least one first terminal, so as to inform the at least one first terminal of a packet-based service session of the communication group to be initiated, wherein the triggering message is sent so that the triggering message can be received by a second terminal regardless of whether the second terminal is ready to participate in the packet-based service session, wherein the second terminal is any of the at least one first terminal.